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In re application of: Centanni et al. Confirmation No. 7251  
Application No.: 10/815,315 Group No.: 3742  
Filed: April 1, 2004 Examiner: Philip H. Leung  
For: HEATING APPARATUS FOR VAPORIZER

**Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**URGENT****LETTER**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the Amendment, Request and Fee to Add an Erroneously Omitted Inventor under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) for the above-identified patent application. The enclosed documents were originally filed November 17, 2004 by mailing to Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents. A copy of a post card acknowledging receipt by the USPTO on November 19, 2004 is also enclosed. The USPTO was contacted on February 14, 2005 for a status update concerning acceptance of the requested inventorship change. The applicant was informed that because the documents were mailed to Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents they were not received in the appropriate office (i.e., Petitions). Accordingly, the applicants now resubmits the documents originally filed on November 17, 2004. It is respectfully requested that the enclosed documents now be considered to correct the inventorship of the present application.

Please note the Issue Fee for this application is due **April 5, 2005**. Accordingly, expedited handling is respectfully requested.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10\***  
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Date: **February 14, 2005**

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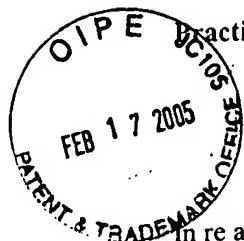
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AMENDMENT, REQUEST AND FEE TO DELETE AND/OR  
ADD TO ORIGINAL ERRONEOUSLY NAMED OR NOT NAMED  
INVENTOR(S) IN—NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION—DECLARATION  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a))

1. This amendment and request is to correct the incorrect original naming of inventor(s) in the declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) as set forth and filed on April 1, 2004.

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**2. Addition of Inventors**

Add the following previously unnamed persons as inventors of this application:

Aaron L. Hill  
8935 Horseshoe Drive  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510  
U.S. Citizen

Francis J. Zelina  
707 Culbertson Drive  
Lake City, Pennsylvania 16423  
U.S. Citizen

**3. Attachments**

Attached is:

- (a) A statement from each person being added as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1).
- (b) A declaration by each of the actual inventor(s) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 (or as permitted by §§ 1.42, 1.43, OR 1.47). 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2).
- (c) Written consent of the assignee. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5).

**4. Fee Payment (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i))**

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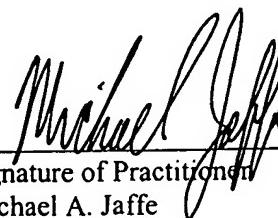
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STATEMENT OF ERROR WITHOUT DECEPTIVE INTENT  
ON THE PART OF THE INVENTORS OMITTED  
IN PROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.48(d)(1))

1. Identification of omitted inventors to which this statement is being made:

Aaron L. Hill  
8935 Horseshoe Drive  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16510

Francis J. Zelina  
707 Culbertson Drive  
Lake City, Pennsylvania 16423

2. I, a person signing below, hereby state that the error in omitting the names of the inventors, as set forth in the foregoing petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(d), occurred by error, without deceptive intent:

Date: 11/8/04

Aaron L. Hill  
Signature: Aaron L. Hill

Date: 11-8-04

Francis J. Zelina  
Signature: Francis J. Zelina



## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a continuation-in-part (C-I-P) application.

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### TITLE OF INVENTION

HEATING APPARATUS FOR VAPORIZER

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on April 1, 2004, as Serial No. 10/815,315.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

### CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

I hereby claim the benefit, under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of any United States applications or PCT international applications designating the United States of America that are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in those prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(e)).

<b>PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120:</b>				
U.S. APPLICATIONS		Status		
U.S. APPLICATIONS	U.S. FILING DATE	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
1. 10/167,910	12 JUN 02	X		

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

APPOINTED PRACTITIONER(S)	REGISTRATION NUMBER(S)
Mark Kusner	31,115
Michael A. Jaffe	36,326
Thomas D. McClure, Jr.	54,302
Michael A. Centanni	34,796

I hereby appoint the practitioner(s) associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

**SIGNATURES**

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO CORRECTION  
AND/OR ADDITION OF INVENTORS**Name of Assignee:**

STERIS Inc.

**Address of Assignee:**43425 Business Park Drive  
Temecula, California 92590

Assignment is recorded herewith.

FORM PTO 1595 is attached.

Assignee hereby assents to the correction of inventorship filed herewith.

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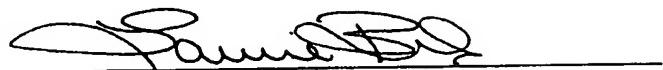
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SignatureDate: November 17, 2004Laura K. Cahill

(type or print name of person certifying)

**RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION**

A "STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)" is attached.



**Signature: Laurie Brlas**  
President, STERIS Inc.



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### STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Centanni et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/815,315 Filed/Issue Date: April 1, 2004

Entitled: HEATING APPARATUS FOR VAPORIZER

STERIS Inc. a Corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 015173, Frame 0649, and for which a copy thereof is attached.

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Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Signature

Laurie Bras

Printed or Typed Name

11-16-04

Date

(440) 354-2600

Telephone Number

President

Title

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 3.73(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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By: Inventors

### ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNORS of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

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Nationality: U.S.

Francis J. Zelina  
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Lake City, Pennsylvania 16423  
Nationality: U.S.

hereby sell, assign and transfer to

#### ASSIGNEE:

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A Delaware Corporation

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

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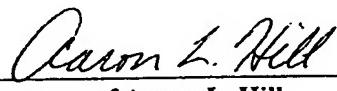
and which is found in (37 C.F.R. Section 3.21) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/815,315 executed on April 1, 2004 and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof.

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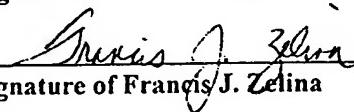
ASSIGNORS further covenant that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNORS and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

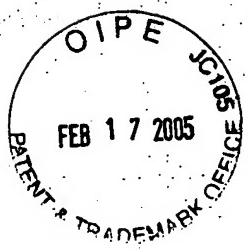
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Date: 11/8/04

  
Signature of Aaron L. Hill

Date: 11-8-04

  
Signature of Francis J. Zelina



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**DOCUMENTS MAILED:**

- 1) Amdt, Request and Fee to Add to Originally Named Inventor – 2 pages
- 2) Statement of Error without Deceptive Intent – 1 page
- 3) Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney - 2 pages
- 4) Assent of Assignee to Correction and Addition of Inventors – 2 pages
- 5) Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) – w/attachments – 3 pages
- 6) Form PTO-2038 – 1 page

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